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Moving Milwaukee County FORWARD Together



THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Friends,

Milwaukee County reforms have been the hot topic of discussion over the past few months. I campaigned on reform and looking at my votes on the Board floor I have followed through. I brought forward a downsizing plan and the Board approved a resolution asking the State to allow us to downsize and redistrict.

However, on Monday at the Intergovernmental Relations Committee I supported the Milwaukee County Board developed reform package. The very next day I read the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel story detailing what appears to most as negotiations with AFSCME, which is a clear violation of Act 10. As I previously stated, Act 10 is the law of the land and if members of the Board are willingly and knowingly violating this law then how can I honestly trust that they will follow through with the proposed Board reforms.

This is the first time in my 9 year political career that I can recall where in less than 24 hours after voting on an issue I felt that I made a mistake. Rarely in politics do you get a do over and I decided to take full advantage of this opportunity, reverse my decision and vote against the Board's reform proposal.

Due to what appears to have gone on behind closed doors over the past few months, my confidence in this body and its leadership has greatly eroded. That is why the only chance for real reform to take place in Milwaukee County is for it to occur in Madison.

I want to thank all of those who have reached out to me over the past few months in order to give me their insight and opinions. As I have said in the past, I cannot do this alone and without your support and encouragement we will not be able to Move Milwaukee County Forward.

All My Best,

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## HONORING INSPECTOR GAYLORD HAHN

Supervisor Taylor presented a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the Milwaukee County Board to Gaylord Hahn in honor of his 40 years of faithful and distinguished service with the City of Franklin Police Department.

Mr. Hahn was appointed as the City of Franklin Patrolman on March 12, 1973 and currently holds the rank of Inspector. Throughout his 40-year career he has exemplified uttermost professionalism as a dedicated member of the law enforcement community and in doing so he greatly contributed to the safety and well-being of Franklin residents and visitors alike.

Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition Gaylord!



Supervisor Taylor presenting the Certificate of Recognition to Inspector Hahn.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY PARKS CLEAN UP

Spring is finally here and the Milwaukee County Parks Department is gearing up for the clean-up of debris in the parks left behind the melting snow. That is no easy task and the department is looking for volunteer help with the effort.

Should your circumstances permit, please consider lending a hand at the upcoming clean up event:

- 4/27/2013 - from 8AM to 12PM at Grant Park (100 E. Hawthorne Ave.) by Friends of Mill Pond/Oak Creek Watercourse, Inc.

For additional parks clean up volunteer opportunities, please consult the [Parks Department Calendar](#) or call (414) 257-PARK (7275).



## MILWAUKEE COUNTY IS LOOKING FOR OWNERS OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS

There is still time to claim any potential unclaimed funds you may have with the Milwaukee County Treasurer's Office. To find out if you are entitled to this unclaimed money, you can access the information about the names and amounts on [the County Treasurer's web site](#). Once on the site, please follow instructions on how to file a claim form.

A printed copy of the 2013 listing and forms to file claims for the money are available at the Ready Reference section of all public libraries in Milwaukee County, as well as in the Treasurer's Office, Room 102 of the Courthouse (901 N. 9th Street). Claim forms must be submitted to the Treasurer's Office.



## HALES CORNERS NAMED TREE CITY USA

The National Arbor Day Foundation once again named the Village of Hales Corners a Tree City USA to honor its commitment to community forestry. Hales Corners has received this recognition annually since 2001, having met the four standards to become a Tree City USA community: a tree board or department, a tree care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program, and an Arbor Day observance.



Please consider joining the Arbor Day celebration on this Saturday, April 27th at Schoetz Park located on 116th Street between Grange and Edgerton. The festivities will begin at 10AM and include a proclamation by Village President Robert G. Ruesch, ceremonial tree planting and seedling give away.

For 2013, the Village has chosen to plant a Yellow Birch and will distribute free Burr Oak and Red Oak saplings. Please contact Michael Martin, Hales Corners Public Works Director, at (414) 529-6161, ext. 235 for more information.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation in cooperation with the National Association of State Foresters and the USDA Forest Service.

## MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOME REPAIR PROGRAM

The Milwaukee County Housing Division provides a home repair program using Federal Community Development Block Grants and HOME funds in communities excluding West Allis and the City of Milwaukee. The program offers low interest and 0% interest loans to income qualified homeowners for:

- **Emergency Home Repair:** Loans are made to restore basic functions to home including: water, hot water, heat, and municipal order compliance.
- **Standard Loan Programs:** Cover a wide range or repairs including: roofing, siding, trim, windows, porches, foundation repair, heating, plumbing, electrical or other necessary repairs.

**Program Highlights**

- Staff provides: Lead Risk Assessments, Detailed Scope of work and Bid out work to be done
- Homeowners receive a loan and sign contracts with approved contractors
- County pays contractor
- Owner pays county back over several years

<b>2013 Income Limits</b>	
Household Size	Gross Annual Income
1	\$39,350
2	\$44,950
3	\$50,550
4	\$56,150
5	\$60,650
6	\$65,150
HOME Program Maximum Home Value: \$219,545	

**If interested, please call the  
Milwaukee County Housing Division at  
414-278-4917  
or email them at  
HomeRepair@milwcnty.com**

Income limits are based on household size.



Stay local. Play local.



Milwaukee County Golf Courses are Open for the Season! Click Here for More Info.

Still looking for more to do?! Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Family Frog Frolic at the Wehr Nature Center Friday, April 26, 2013 7-9pm

Join a naturalist for an interactive presentation about Wisconsin frogs and toads, including some one-on-one time with some live amphibians. Then visit the ponds of Wehr to look and listen for these harbingers of spring. Dress for the weather and the mud!

Please click here for more information!

BOERNER CORNER

Family Workshop Night-Time Garden Walk Thursday, April 25, 2013 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Bring your flashlights for an adventure into the Garden. Learn about nocturnal animals and night bloomers. Plant flowers that only come out at night to take home.

Families: \$20 members/ \$25 non-members (Limit 5 people per family)

Individuals: \$10 members/ \$12 non-members

For more information or to register call 414-525-5659

Start Perennials the Easy Way Saturday, April 27, 2013 10:00am - Noon

How would you like to save money on plants? Learn easy methods to start perennials from seed.

\$10 members/ \$15 non-members

For more information or to register call 414-525-5659

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM FREE the first Thursday of every month Free for all visitors. Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



FREE on Mondays Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/ for additional information.



FREE Days for 2013: 1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7 Special Holidays: Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



FREE on Mondays from 9:00 a.m. - Noon Excludes major holidays. Visit www.milwaueedomes.org for additional information.